



# Understanding Microsoft Entra ID Protection Risk Signals

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# Agenda

What is ID Protection?

How do the risk signals work?

Takeaways

# What is ID Protection?

# Entra ID Protection

Unique insights powered  
by trillions of signals



## Autogenerated

- High quality heuristic-based detections
- Detections from other first parties



## Expert generated

- Security researchers
- Customer support
- Dedicated human labelers



## End user generated

- Build feedback loops
- End users/admins/secops
- Remove errors

Assess Risk Levels via  
real-time evaluation engine



Risky Users



Risky Sign-ins



Risky Workload Identities

Secure Access via policy  
enforcement and unified  
investigation experience



Auto-remediation with  
Risky based CA policies



Azure Portal Identity  
Protection risk reporting  
dashboard and Microsoft  
Graph API



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Routing risky alerts to  
Third-party SIEMs

# Risky users, sign-in risk and detections

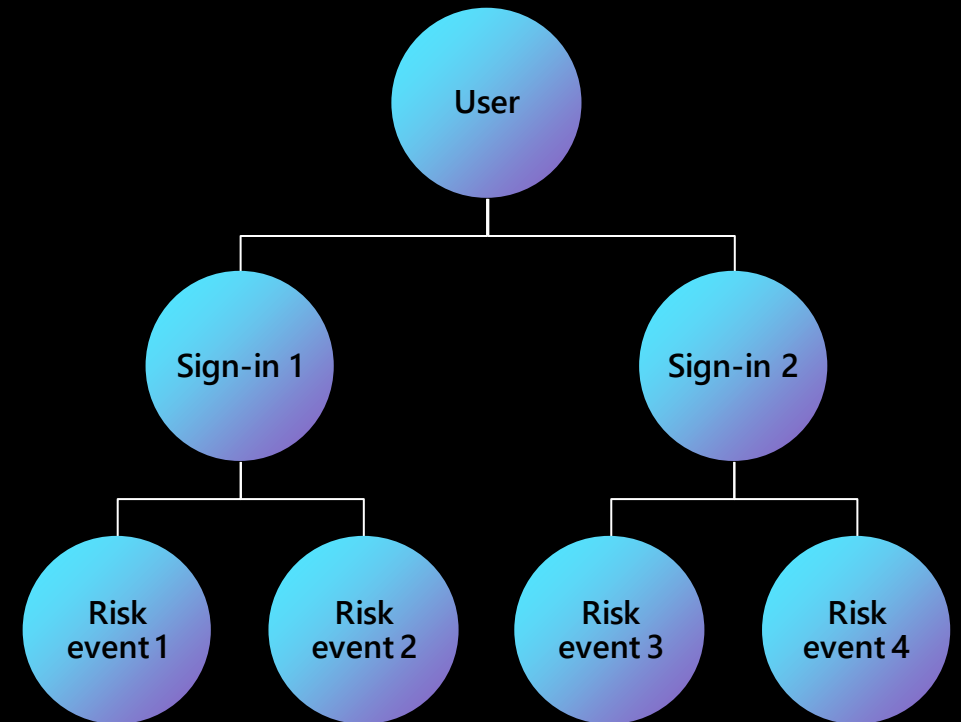
**riskyUsers API**  
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**signIns API**  
(read + write\*)

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**riskDetections API**  
(read only)

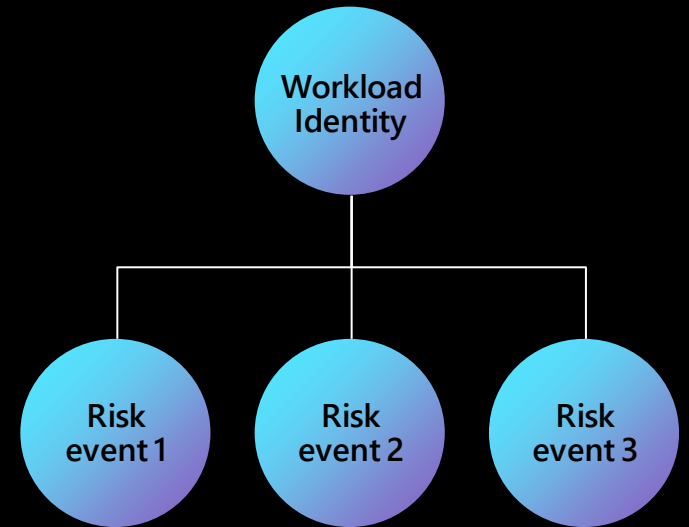


# Risky workload identities and detections

Risk can come from SP behavior or something related to the app.

**riskyServicePrincipals API**  
(read + write)

**servicePrincipalRiskDetections API**  
(read only)



# Choosing the right interface

- 1 APIs
- 2 Azure portal
- 3 Diagnostic settings
- 4 Microsoft Sentinel
- 5 Microsoft 365 Defender

# Risky sign-ins

GET /auditLogs/signIns?\$filter=riskState eq 'atRisk'

```
{
  "id": "94f0b0aa-d195-4dcf-983d-e3122a130f00",
  "createdDateTime": "2022-04-13T23:30:11Z",
  "userDisplayName": "Jing Nghik",
  "userPrincipalName": "jinghik@woodgrove.ms",
  "userId": "360df853-0081-4b0d-af94-11dab1251fac",
  "appId": "38aa3b87-a06d-4817-b275-7a316988d93b",
  "appDisplayName": "Windows Sign In",
  "ipAddress": "20.106.98.167",
  "clientAppUsed": "Mobile Apps and Desktop clients",
  "correlationId": "e717be10-c87b-4966-a03d-6adf333e8d03",
  "conditionalAccessStatus": "notApplied",
  "isInteractive": true,
  "riskDetail": "none",
  "riskLevelAggregated": "low",
  "riskLevelDuringSignIn": "medium",
  "riskState": "atRisk",
  "riskEventTypes": [
    "unfamiliarFeatures"
  ],
  "riskEventTypes_v2": [
    "unfamiliarFeatures"
  ],
  "resourceDisplayName": "Windows Azure Active Directory",
  "resourceId": "00000002-0000-0000-c000-000000000000",
  "status": {
    "errorCode": 0,
    "failureReason": "Other.",
    "additionalDetails": null
  },
  ...
}
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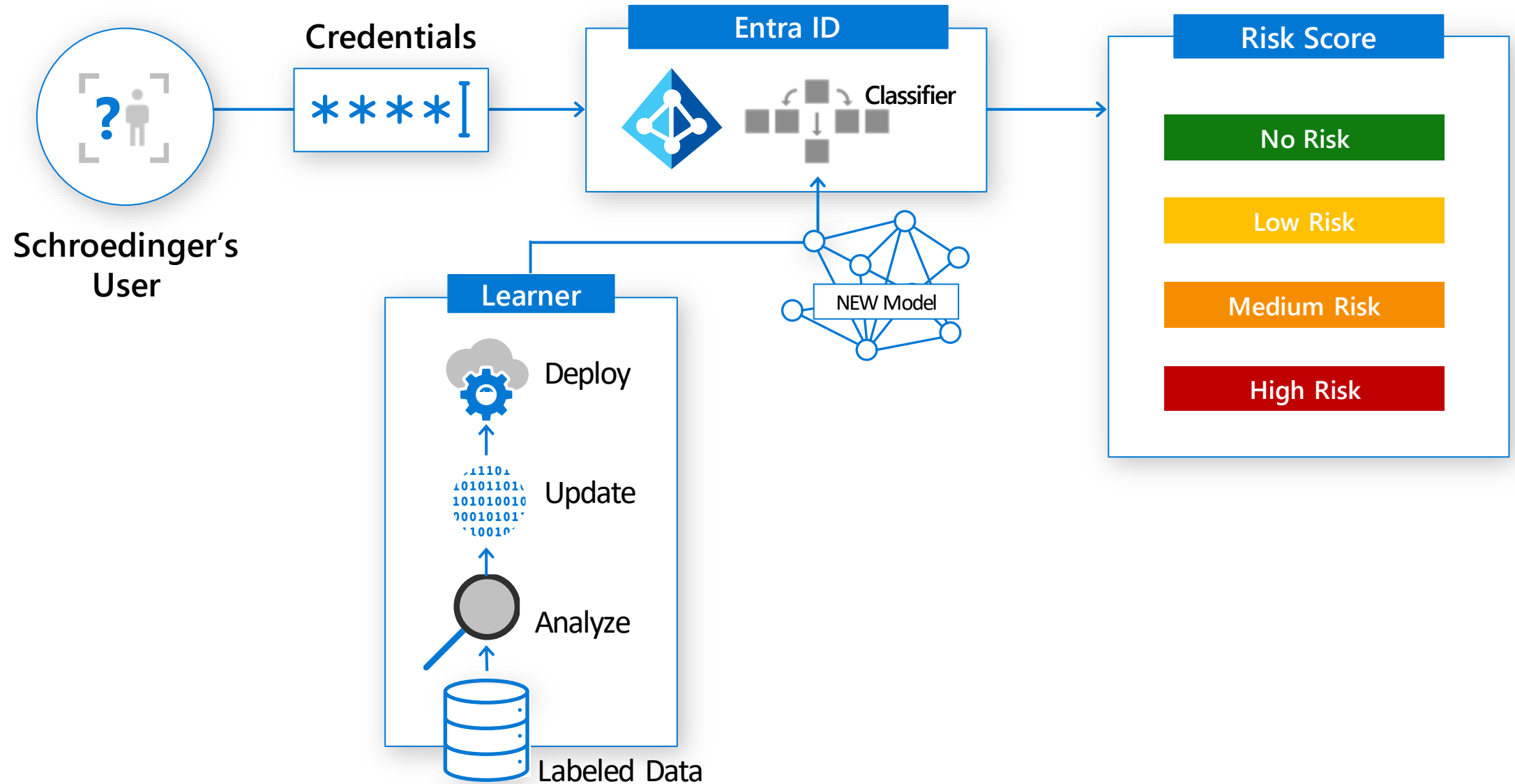
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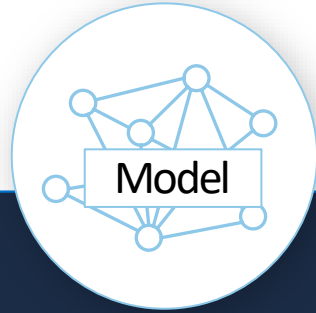
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# ML to calculate session risk



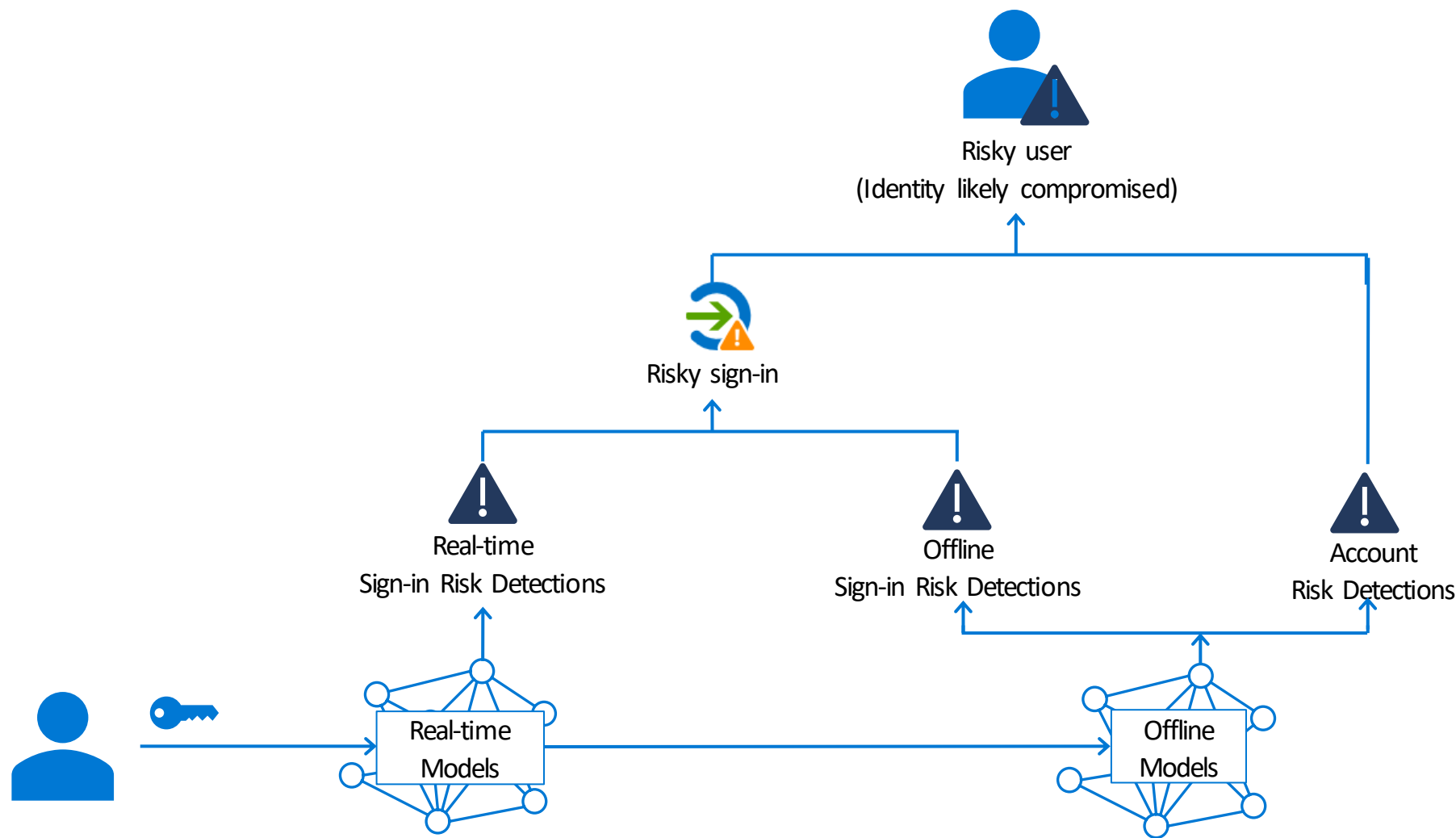
# ML model weighting example



Feature				
IsNormalTimeOfDay	lb			
IsFamiliarDevice	lb	lb	lb	
IsFamiliarApp	lb	lb		
IsFamiliarIP	lb	lb	lb	
IsFamiliarCountry	lb	lb	lb	lb
...				

- Model Training indicates what is the most important compromise indicators at that point in time based on the training data
- Allows the ML system adapt to new attacks on the fly, just retrain the model

# Risk reporting



## Other notable APIs

Conditional access

## Named locations

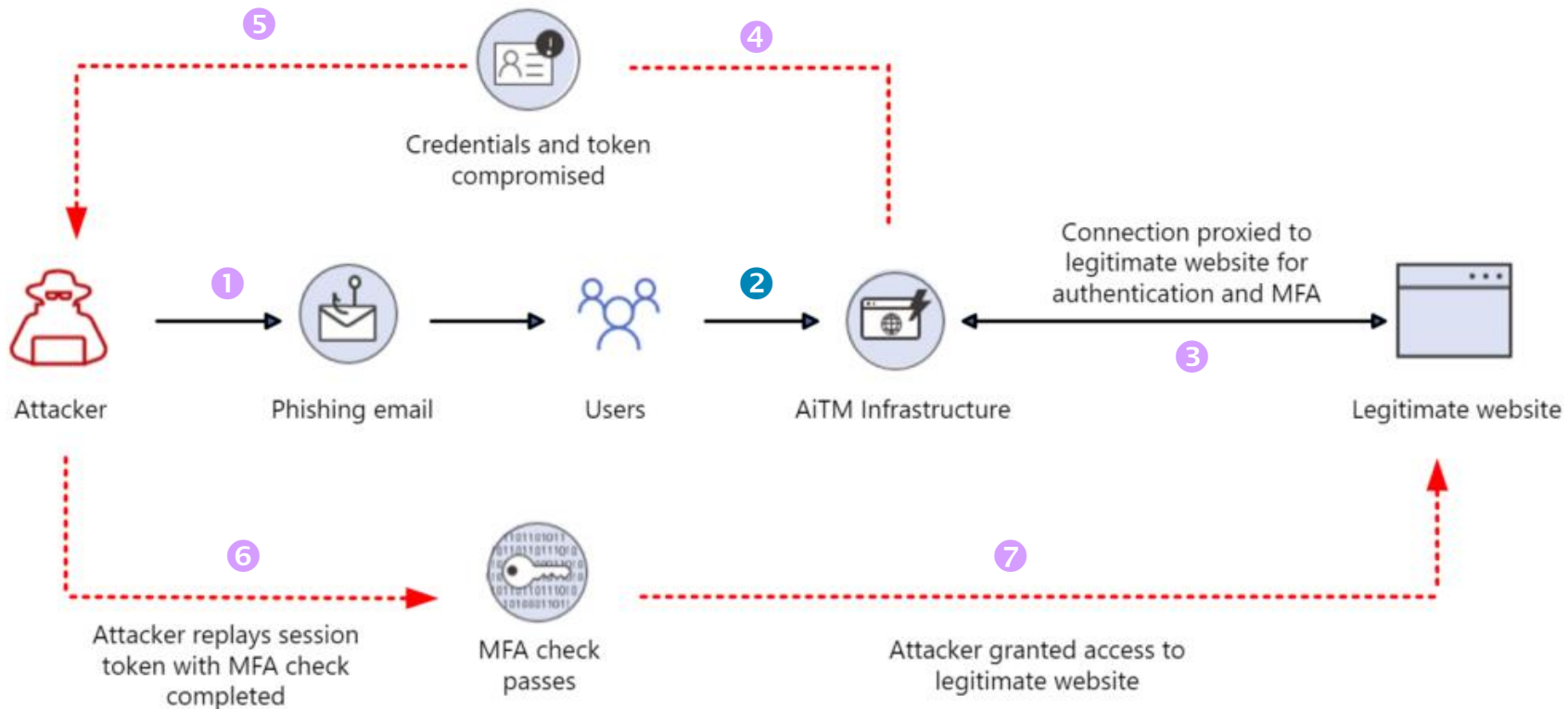
Defining named locations and marking them as trusted can cut down on false positives for unfamiliar sign-in properties and atypical travel

Must be marked as trusted!!!

# Token theft example



# Adversary in the Middle



MITRE ATT&CK ID: T1557



# Sign-in anomalies



## Location

IP address

ASN

Country



## Token lifetime

Unusually old  
tokens

Tokens played  
out of order



## Device

Different  
Browser/OS

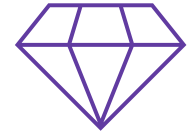
Client config



## Auth failures

Missing required  
claims in token

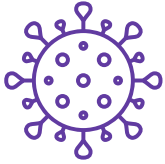
Unexpected  
token for context



## Resource

Should this  
identity + device  
+ token type be  
accessing this  
resource?

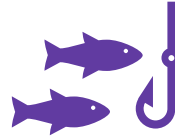
# Endpoint anomalies



## Malware

Access to browser  
cookies

Access to on-device  
creds store



## Phishing

Browser access  
to suspicious  
URLs

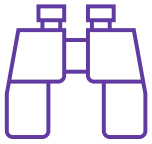


## Remote access

Unexpected  
remote access

Access from  
unknown network

# Post-auth behavior



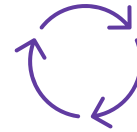
## Recon

Directory  
enumeration



## Exfiltration

Mass access to  
email, files, cloud  
resources



## Persistence

New device  
enrollment  
  
Creation of new  
accounts

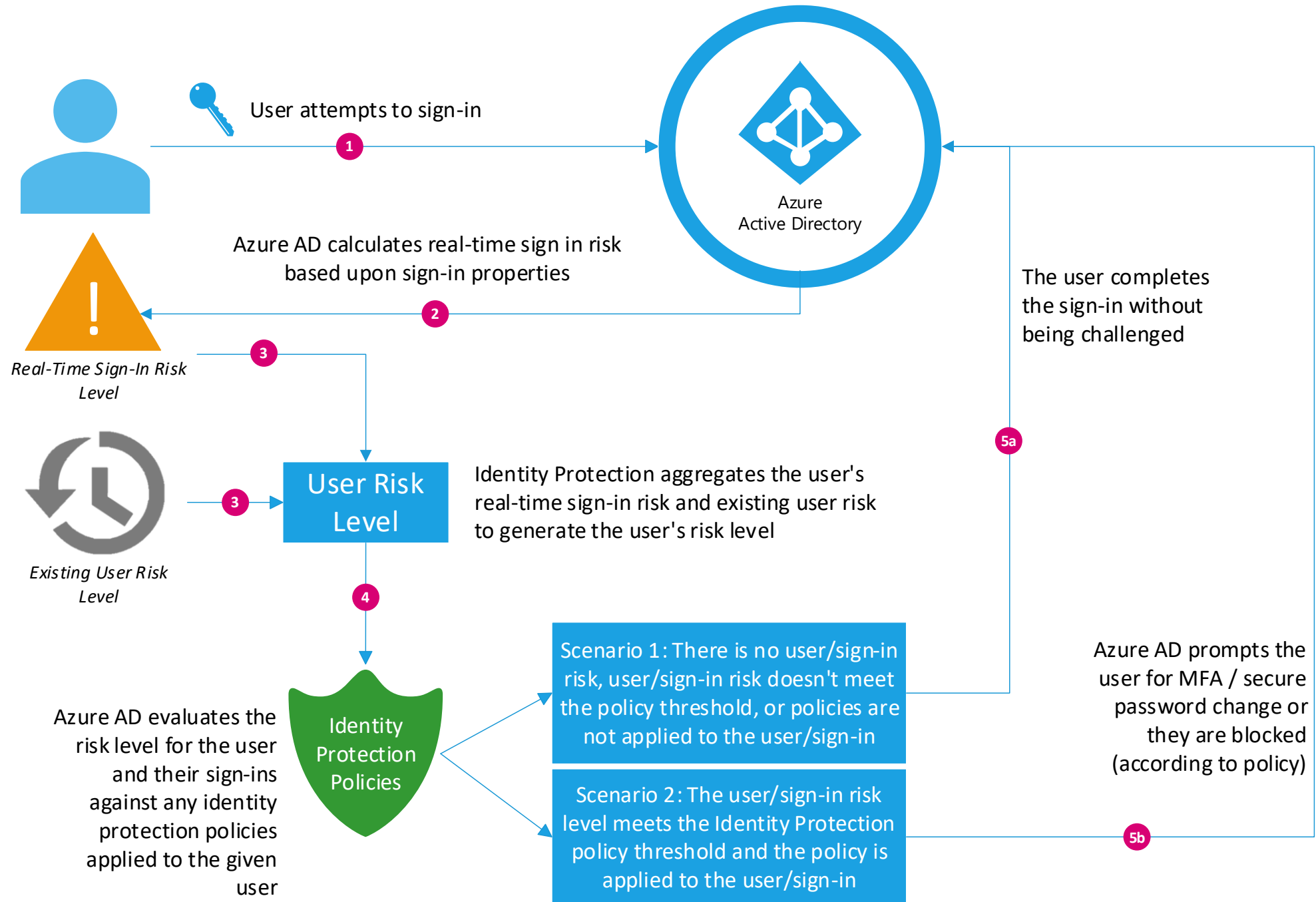


## Privilege Escalation

Assignment of  
admin roles

## Rule-based models

- Anonymous browsing (incl. Tor)
- Atypical travel
- Leaked credentials



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## Verified threat actor IP

Calculated in real-time. This risk detection type indicates sign-in activity that is consistent with known IP addresses associated with nation state actors or cyber crime groups, based on Microsoft Threat Intelligence Center (MSTIC).



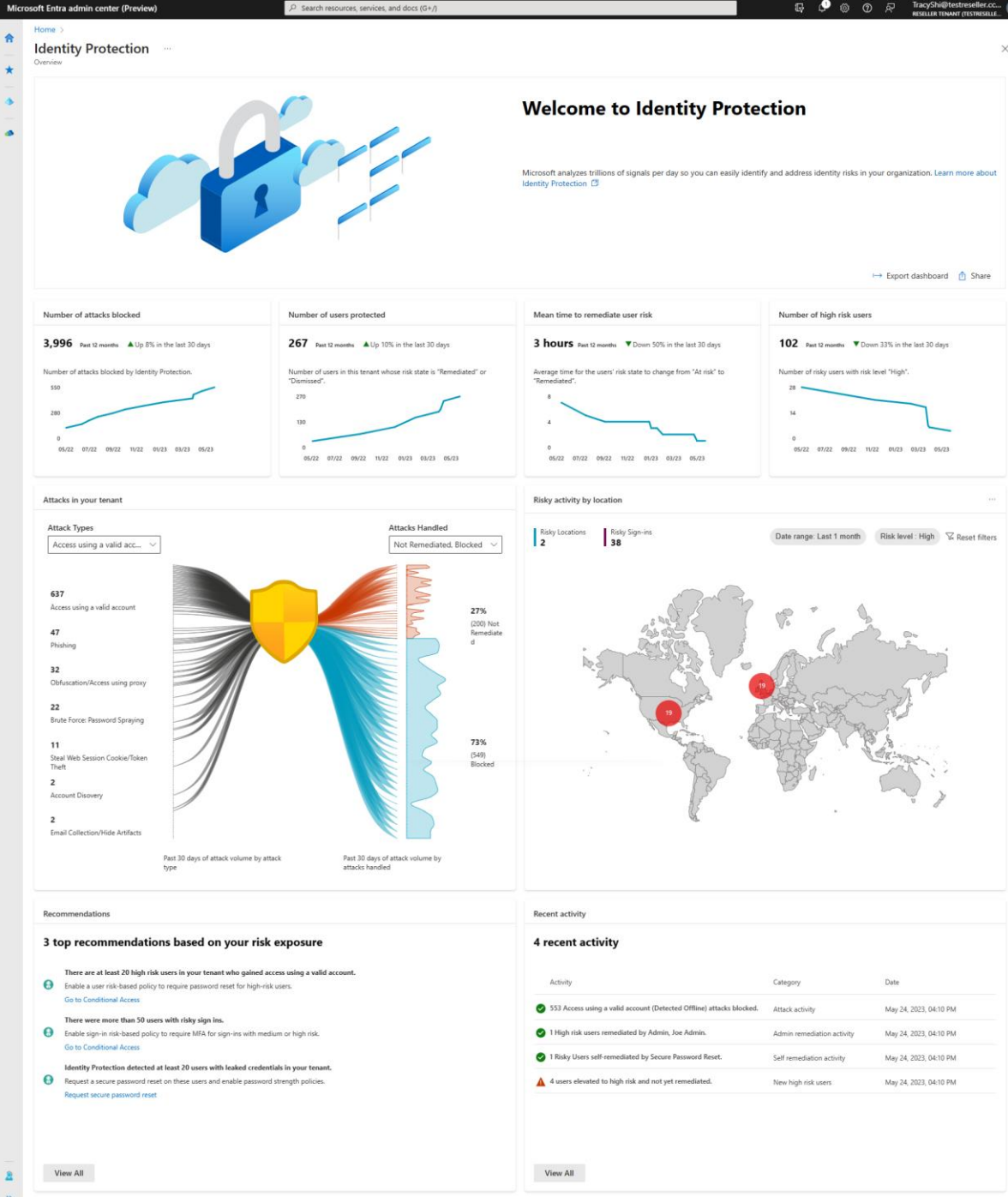
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# New landing page



# Takeaways

Use Azure AD  
Conditional Access with  
risk-based policies

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Use the APIs to get  
information and post  
operations to manage risk

# Get Started

Documentation

[aka.ms/securitysteps](https://aka.ms/securitysteps)

[aka.ms/IDPDeployment](https://aka.ms/IDPDeployment)

[aka.ms/AADIP-APIs](https://aka.ms/AADIP-APIs)

Sample Scripts

[github.com/AzureAD/IdentityProtectionTools](https://github.com/AzureAD/IdentityProtectionTools)

Updates

[docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/fundamentals/whats-new](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/fundamentals/whats-new)